

Has Livonia School Board Failed Majority?

EDITOR:
Comments on the "not closing" of Stark and Pierson Schools.

Our Livonia School District is going through a financial crisis. This year it is financially very tight while the state studies the problems of schools: financing, staffing, boundaries, etc.

In our district, the causes and possible solutions are earnestly being studied by our elected, representatives and school administration people. They have announced potentially a savings of one million dollars by not adding 100 teachers. The proposal is that grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will have to go on 50 per cent educational opportunity, or half days.

Other economies have been and are being proposed, including the announced possible savings of \$22,000.00 by closing Stark and Pierson Schools, and transferring the 400 students to nearby existing schools.

At this point I can say that generally I am a positive supporter of the school board. But since they have announced their intent "to keep Stark and Pierson open for one more year to study the situation," I cannot help but think of \$22,000.00 as equivalent to 10 classroom teachers or one-third of half day savings. Also, I can't recollect the needs of 400 vs. the needs of 40,000.

I have heard the apologetics of "we made a millage campaign commitment not to close schools if millage falls" and "we already want to show citizens that we can be responsive to their desires even if we do not feel it educationally sound and have to spend that kind of money to do it."

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name is William A. Ortman, and I would prefer that the name be spelled correctly and in fact, that a correction be noted in your newspaper.

There are many ways which I could be properly addressed, such as by use of the title Dr., Mr., or Esq., having, through diligent and sincere effort been awarded A.B., L.L.B., and J.D. Degrees and being a graduate of "As the radio-commercial says, Wayne state and the U of D.

As to the implication of the article, and for purposes of record, I trust that when you print the correction in your newspaper, you will also include the fact that as a councilman and representative of the people of the Village of Wood Creek Farms, I voted, "No" as to the issue of an establishment of a charter committee, and am definitely opposed to the concept of consolidation which would include the Village of Wood Creek Farms presently.

I write this letter, knowing that you will wish to correct certain mistaken ideas which have appeared in your publication.

WILLIAM A. ORTMAN, COUNCILMAN Village of Wood Creek Farms 28010 S. Harwich Drive Farmington, 48024

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Area Deaths, Funerals

CLIFFORD E. RACIOT, Services for Mr. Raciot, of 2225 Druna St., Westland, were held at Dr. J. J. Home, Garden City, and Son Funeral Home, Garden City, on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Raciot died in Garden City at Osepech Hospital Aug. 13 after a long illness. He was a retired employee of Ford Motor Co., where he worked for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, June; a daughter, Denise; a son, Gary; mother, Mrs. Edna Raciot; and three sisters, Lucille Auger, Jeanette Enoch, and Anita Campbell.

MATTIE ANNE SMITH, Services for Mrs. Smith of 1867 Sussex, Detroit, were held at the Monaghan Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Gaudin officiating. Interment took place at the Elmwood Cemetery in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Mrs. Smith died Aug. 13 after a long illness. She was 84. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Richards and Mrs. Isabella Mitchell of Livonia. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

GRACE E. BOWEN, Services for Mrs. Bowen of 310 Sheldahl Road, Plymouth, were held at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Henry J. Walsh officiating. Interment took place at the Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Bowen died Aug. 18 after a long illness. She was 74. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Plung of Plymouth; three brothers, William, Clarence and Harold Dockstader. A sister, Mrs. Leo Rayer, and three grandchildren also survive.

FRANK VUCHASZ, Funeral services for Mr. Vuchasz, of 1531 Abundantia, Livonia, were held in the Monaghan Funeral Home with Father Ferdinand W. O'Brien officiating. Interment took place in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Vuchasz died Aug. 11 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was 74.

He is survived by a daughter, Frances, and two sons, John and Raymond.

MARIE ALICE BOUCHER, Services for Mrs. Boucher, 62, of 474 Universal, Dearborn II, were held in the R. C. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home with Rev. Paul T. Hart officiating. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Boucher died Aug. 10, in Greenside, Ohio.

She is survived by: her husband, Joseph; a daughter, Mrs. Chester (Joyce) Moore of Livonia; two brothers; three sisters, and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Boucher was born Oct. 5, 1892, in Ohio.

MARY KATHERINE BOWES, Memorial services for Mrs. Bowes, 91, of 1400 Middle Bell will be held Sunday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Unity of West Suburbs Church with Rev. Marilyn W. White officiating.

Mrs. Bowes died Aug. 11 at the Middle Bell Nursing Home.

She is survived by a son, Lincoln Bowes; a daughter, Beatrice Peterson; two sisters, Maude Wilson and Lena Ryckman; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bowes was born Sept. 11, 1877 in Ontario, Canada.

ELSIE L. NIRDLINGER, Services for Mrs. Nirdlinger, 60, of 3220 Lilley Road, Plymouth, were held in the R. C. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home with Rev. John L. Drummond officiating. Interment took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Nirdlinger died Aug. 12 in the Henry Gonzalez Home after a year's illness. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann and Mrs. Elsie Abbott; one son, John; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MRS. GRACE SINGER, Funeral services for Mrs. Singer, 82, of 319 S. Main, Plymouth, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Leonard Moonover officiating. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Singer died Aug. 18 in Holt, Mich. following a long illness. She had resided in Plymouth for more than 50 years and was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Lutheran Church.

Surviving are three cousins.

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EDITOR:
This letter will serve to confirm, among other things, that I placed a telephone call to you and was informed by your secretary that you were presently speaking on the telephone and would return my call just as soon as you were finished with that call. I have not had the courtesy of your call to date.

My purpose in attempting to reach you is the lead article in your newspaper of Sunday, June 20, 1969, a Xerox copy of which is attached hereto.

As an elected councilman of the Village of Wood Creek Farms, I should like to call attention several discrepancies which appeared in your article, "Woodcreek."

1. The entity which I represent is officially known as the "Village of Wood Creek Farms."

2. Your reference to "Boards." Your article reads, "...an informal meeting of the Woodcreek Farms Village Board..." There was a meeting some two or three weeks prior to the date mentioned in said article. Said meeting was a special meeting of the Council of the Village of Wood Creek Farms. If there was a special Board meeting of some sort, I am interested, as a councilman, in knowing of this so-called informal meeting of the "Boards" and certainly I was not in attendance.

3. Your newspaper article identifies a William Wortman as a councilman. I suppose this has reference to my person, as you can see from the letterhead, the

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